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Jim O'Toole

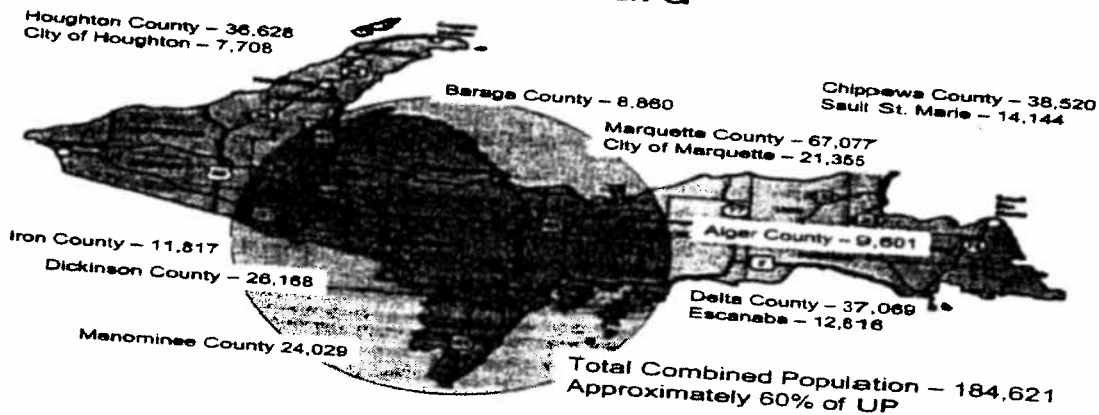
CITY OF ESCANABA

Resolution of Support

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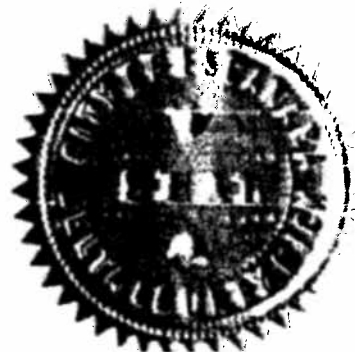
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I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Escanaba, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Escanaba City Council of the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular City Council Meeting held on Thursday, March 21, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk



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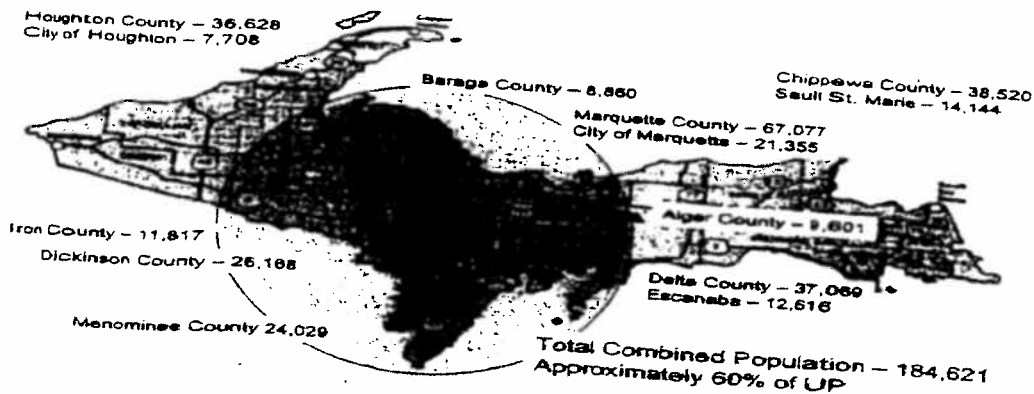
Resolution 470.2013-05

CITY OF GLADSTONE

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Motion by Comm. Mattonen; supported by Comm. Olson:
to approve Resolution No. 2013-05 Creation of a next mi. Dev. D.
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the
City of Gladstone, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a
true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Commission
of the City of Gladstone County of Delta, Michigan, at a
regular City Commission mtg. held on March 25, 2013,
and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant
to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of
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Kimberly Berry
Clerk Kimberly Berry

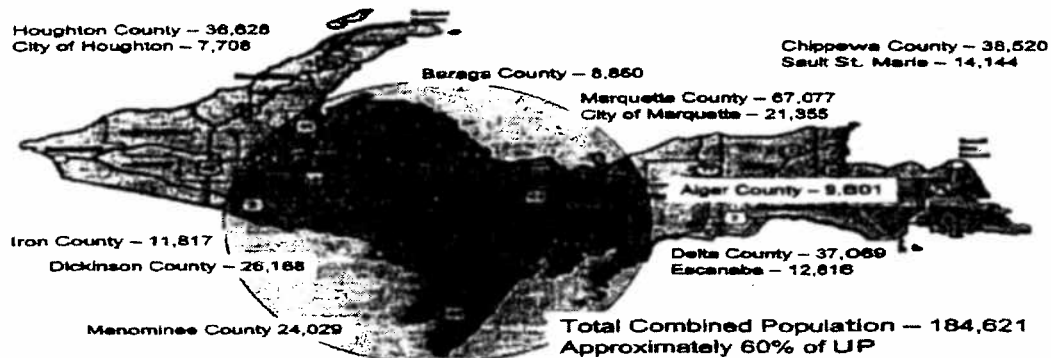
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Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the Delta County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Delta County Board of Commissioners, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Nancy G. Kolich

Nancy Kolich, Delta County Clerk and
Clerk of the Delta County Board of Commissioners

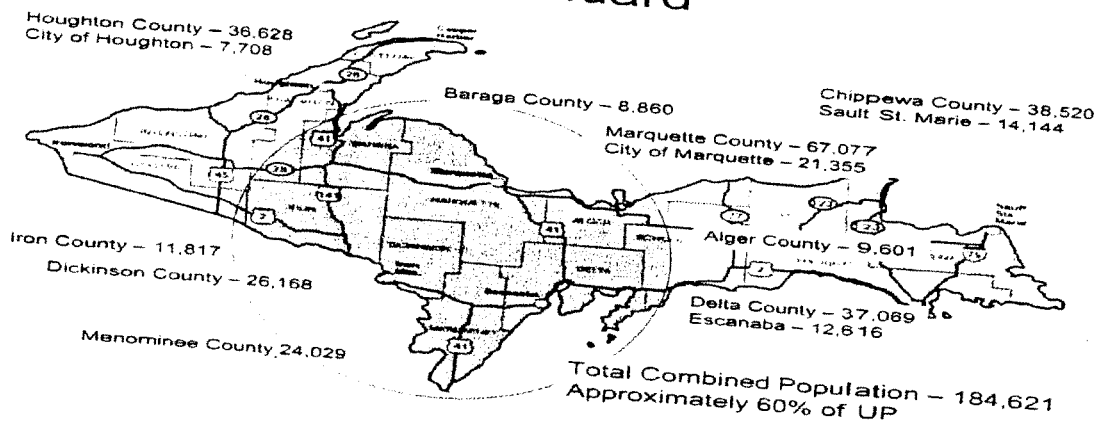


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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

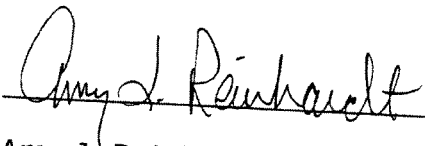
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes:

Nays:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 26, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amy J. Reinhardt", is written over a horizontal line.

Amy J. Reinhardt

Clerk

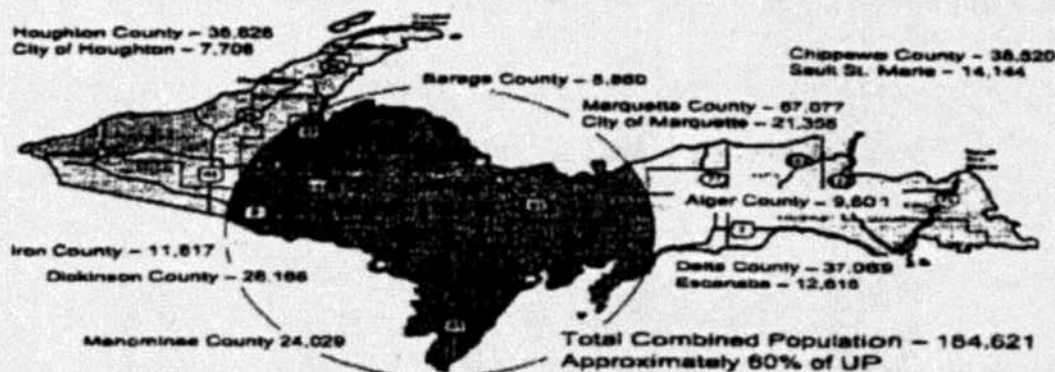
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Garden Township

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Garden Township Board does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above

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Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 10

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the Township of Garden, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Garden Township Board of the Township of Garden, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular annual Board Meeting held on March 23rd, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Jarvis Fennstra Dargatz

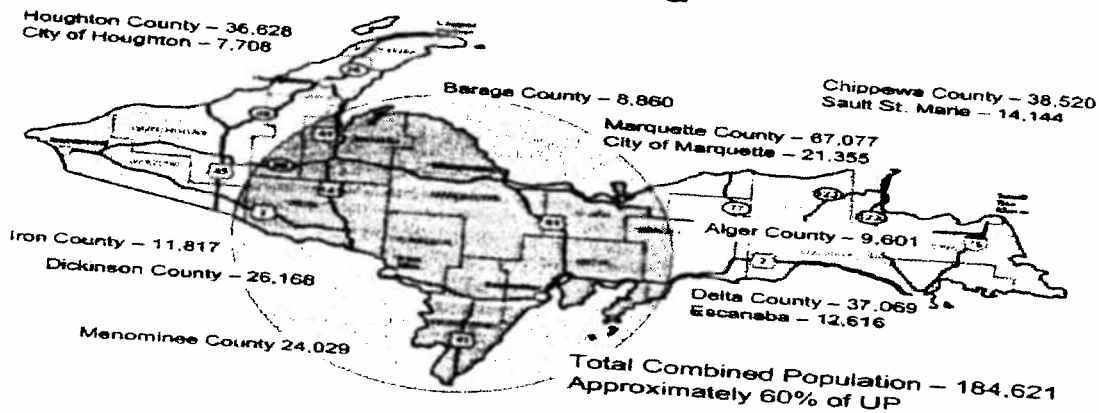
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Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk__ of the Township of Brampton__, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board__ of the Township of Brampton__, County of Delta__, Michigan, at a regular __Board Meeting__ held on March 18, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Debbie Durand

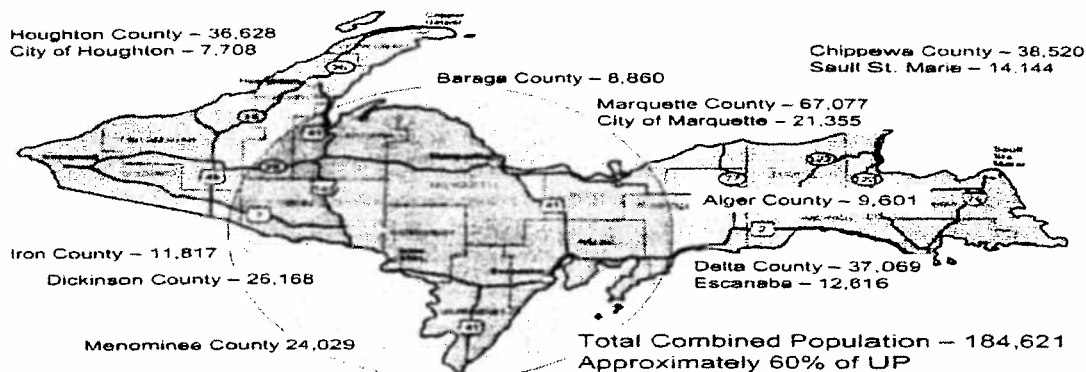
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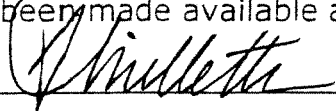
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as CLERK of the TOWNSHIP OF WELLS, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the WELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD of the DELTA, County of STATE, Michigan, at a regular BOARD MEETING held on MARCH 20, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



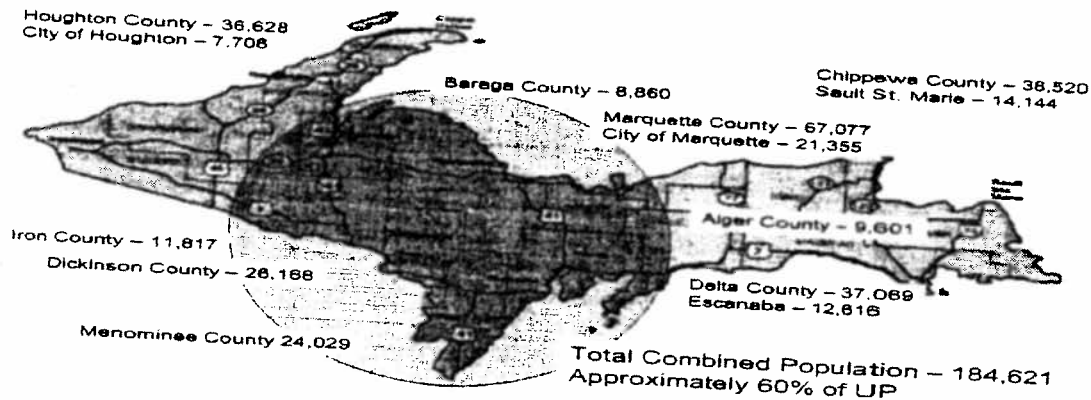
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWNSHIP OF FORD RIVER does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes:

Nays:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the Township of Ford River, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of the Township of Ford River, County of Delta, Michigan, at a Regular Township Board Meeting held on April 8, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Beth Charles

Clerk

Aye: B. Charles, R. Fountaine, A. Wagner,
D. Wellman, and G. Boudreau

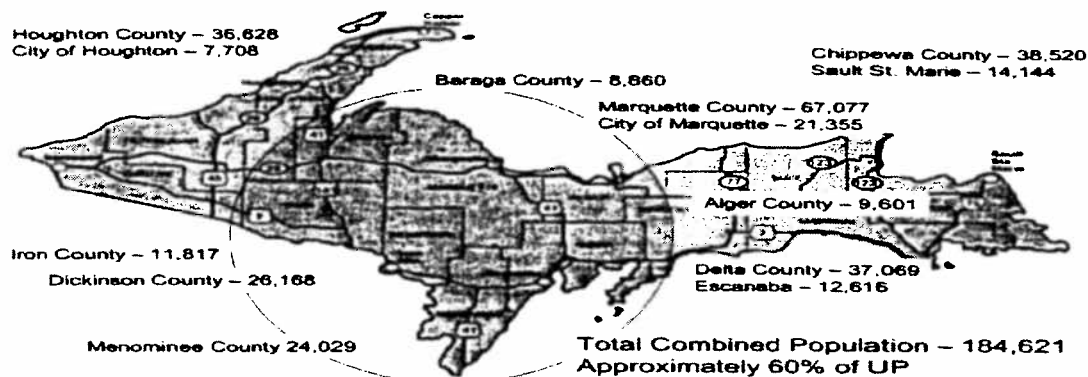
Resolution of Support

Bay College

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Whereas, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties are promoting a regional collaboration and partnership in the course of exploring the tremendous opportunities available by the creation of a Central Upper Peninsula economic development engine as defined in the Next Michigan Development Act No. 275 of 2010 which will promote economic growth focused on multi-modal transportation.

Micropolitan Area Per 2010 Federal Standard



Whereas, a micropolitan economic development strategy is a vital regional approach in growing and attracting business to the Upper Peninsula.

Whereas, the Central Upper Peninsula needs a micropolitan type regional economic development policy and Next Michigan Development District which supports a diverse set of stakeholder community & business leaders, and support from local elected officials, and from the Executive Branch, to realize this significant and unique opportunity.

Whereas, the Upper Peninsula is a geographically and economically diverse portion of the State of Michigan. In general terms, the area is too urban to be called rural, but too rural to be called urban.

Whereas, As individual units of government in the Upper Peninsula, our area does not have the economic or political presence of larger cities in the Lower Peninsula but nevertheless our region has an opportunity to increase the Central Upper Peninsula's presence in our ability to increase activity in manufacturing, distribution and transporting products and raw material supplies.

Whereas, the Central Upper Peninsula is a prime candidate for regional economic development zone in that the region has:

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- A diverse multi-modal transportation system in place

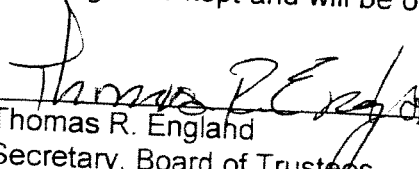
Whereas, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties understand that further collaboration and partnering is needed in identifying:

- "Best Practices" in other parts of the State and throughout the country must be identified for potential use within the Central Upper Peninsula
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- Elected officials, communities and economic development stakeholders must come together in a collaborative model to bring these powerful economic development resources to the Upper Peninsula

Whereas, these opportunities include the potential to create unprecedented economic development by way of locating tomorrow's economic powerhouses in this region today; creating high paying jobs to ensure the attraction and retention of a highly trained and skilled workforce, to ensure our citizens can receive an education in Michigan and put their talents to use in this great state, and to achieve a unique investment that reflects the impact felt by manufacturers with a long-term perspective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bay de Noc Community College Board of Trustees does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951, for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Board Secretary of the Bay de Noc Community College Board of Trustees, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Bay de Noc Community College Board of Trustees of the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular Board of Trustees Meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


Thomas R. England
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Bay de Noc Community College

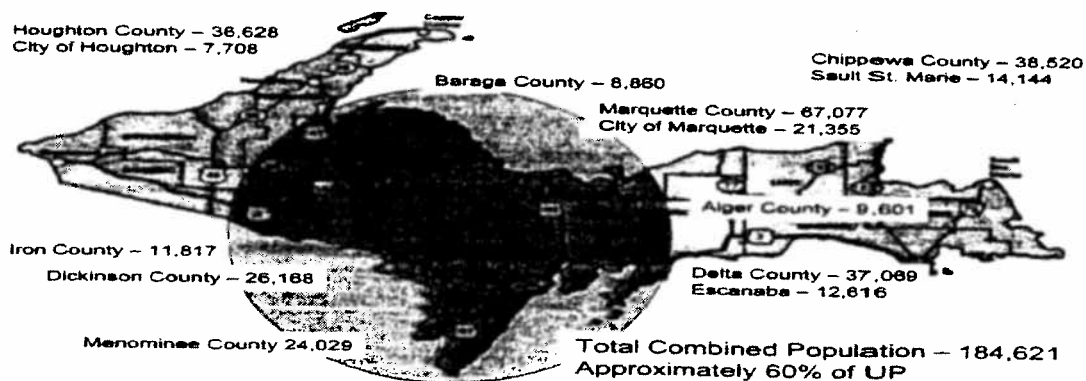
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Resolution of Support

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Whereas, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties are promoting a regional collaboration and partnership in the course of exploring the tremendous opportunities available by the creation of a Central Upper Peninsula economic development engine as defined in the Next Michigan Development Act No. 275 of 2010 which will promote economic growth focused on multi-modal transportation.

Micropolitan Area Per 2010 Federal Standard



Whereas, a micropolitan economic development strategy is a vital regional approach in growing and attracting business to the Upper Peninsula.

Whereas, the Central Upper Peninsula needs a micropolitan type regional economic development policy and Next Michigan Development District which supports a diverse set of stakeholder community & business leaders, and support from local elected officials, and from the Executive Branch, to realize this significant and unique opportunity.

Whereas, the Upper Peninsula is a geographically and economically diverse portion of the State of Michigan. In general terms, the area is too urban to be called rural, but too rural to be called urban.

Whereas, As individual units of government in the Upper Peninsula, our area does not have the economic or political presence of larger cities in the Lower Peninsula but nevertheless our region has an opportunity to increase the Central Upper Peninsula's presence in our ability to increase activity in manufacturing, distribution and transporting products and raw material supplies.

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Whereas, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties understand that further collaboration and partnering is needed in identifying:

- "Best Practices" in other parts of the State and throughout the country must be identified for potential use within the Central Upper Peninsula
- State and regional economic development planning and policy must be aligned to provide a framework for organizing effective policies and investment
- Elected officials, communities and economic development stakeholders must come together in a collaborative model to bring these powerful economic development resources to the Upper Peninsula

Whereas, these opportunities include the potential to create unprecedented economic development by way of locating tomorrow's economic powerhouses in this region today; creating high paying jobs to ensure the attraction and retention of a highly trained and skilled workforce, to ensure our citizens can receive an education in Michigan and put their talents to use in this great state, and to achieve a unique investment that reflects the impact felt by manufacturers with a long-term perspective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Escanaba Area Public School District does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

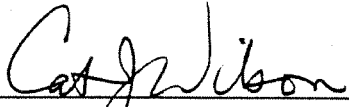
Ayes: Mr. Carne, Mrs. Clouse, Ms. Dewar-Braun, Mr. Gagnier,
Mr. Hermans, Ms. Noble, Ms. Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried by voice vote

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Secretary of the Board of Education of the Escanaba Area Public School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Escanaba Area Public School District, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 18, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



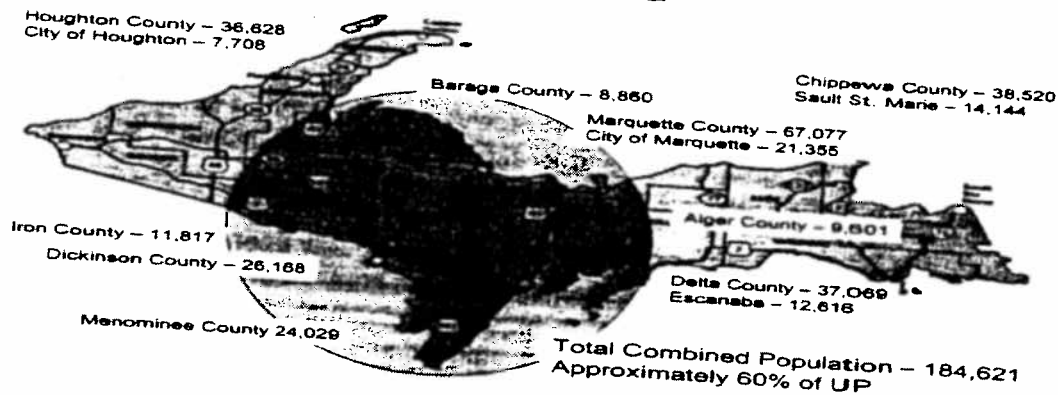
Cathy J. Wilson, Secretary, Board of Education

Resolution of Support

Preamble: The Delta County Economic Development Alliance and Delta County Chamber of Commerce in the Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Whereas, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties are promoting a regional collaboration and partnership in the course of exploring the tremendous opportunities available by the creation of a Central Upper Peninsula economic development engine as defined in the Next Michigan Development Act No. 275 of 2010 which will promote economic growth focused on multi-modal transportation.

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Whereas, the Upper Peninsula is a geographically and economically diverse portion of the State of Michigan. In general terms, the area is too urban to be called rural, but too rural to be called urban.

Whereas, As economic development and chamber of commerce organizations in the Upper Peninsula, our area does not have the economic or political presence of larger cities in the Lower Peninsula but nevertheless our region has an opportunity to increase the Central Upper Peninsula's presence in our ability to increase activity in manufacturing, distribution and transporting products and raw material supplies.

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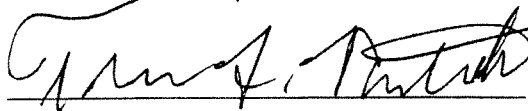
Whereas, the Delta County Economic Development Alliance and Delta County Chamber of Commerce understand that further collaboration and partnering is needed in identifying:

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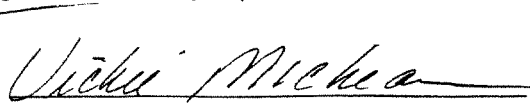
Whereas, these opportunities include the potential to create unprecedented economic development by way of locating tomorrow's economic powerhouses in this region today; creating high paying jobs to ensure the attraction and retention of a highly trained and skilled workforce, to ensure our citizens can receive an education in Michigan and put their talents to use in this great state, and to achieve a unique investment that reflects the impact felt by manufacturers with a long-term perspective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delta County Economic Development Alliance and Delta County Chamber of Commerce does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

We the undersigned, being duly qualified and Chairman of the Board of the Delta County Economic Development Alliance and Delta County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Delta County Economic Development Alliance in the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular Delta County Chamber of Commerce Board meeting held on Thursday, April 11th and regular Delta County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting held on Friday, April 12th.



Thomas Butch
Chairman of the Board
Delta County Economic Dev. Alliance



Vickie Micheau
Executive Director
Delta County Chamber of Commerce

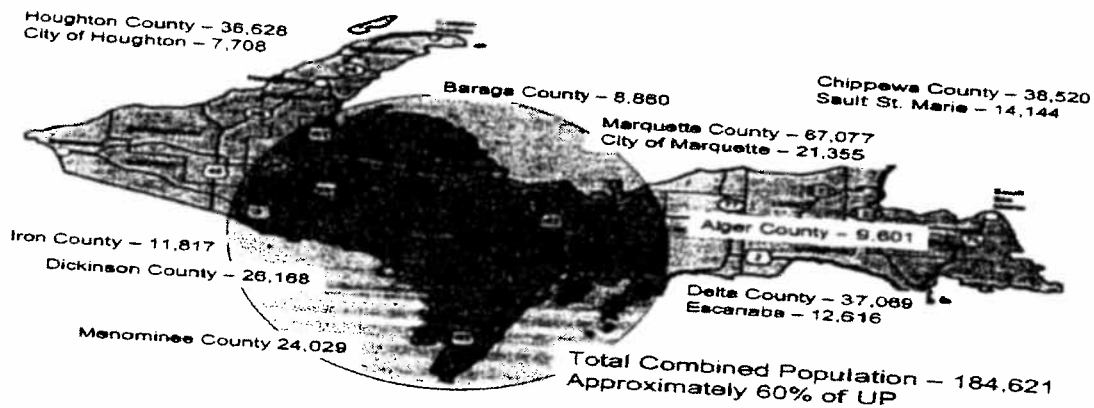
Resolution of Support

Brink River

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bark River Township does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Township Supervisor of Bark River Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by Bark River Township, Delta County, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on April 9, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Gregg Johnson
Township Supervisor

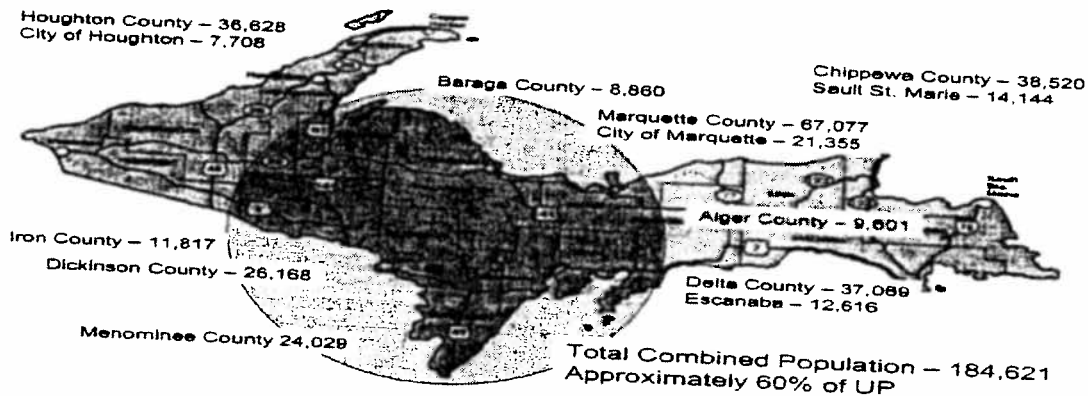
Resolution of Support

Cornell Township

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Whereas, the units of government in Delta and Marquette Counties are promoting a regional collaboration and partnership in the course of exploring the tremendous opportunities available by the creation of a Central Upper Peninsula economic development engine as defined in the Next Michigan Development Act No. 275 of 2010 which will promote economic growth focused on multi-modal transportation.

Micropolitan Area Per 2010 Federal Standard



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Cornell does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Cindy Hurthibise with a second offered by Joan Woodard. A total of 5 "ayes" and 0 "nays" were voted.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted on this 17th day of April, 2013 during the regular meeting held at Cornell Township hall.

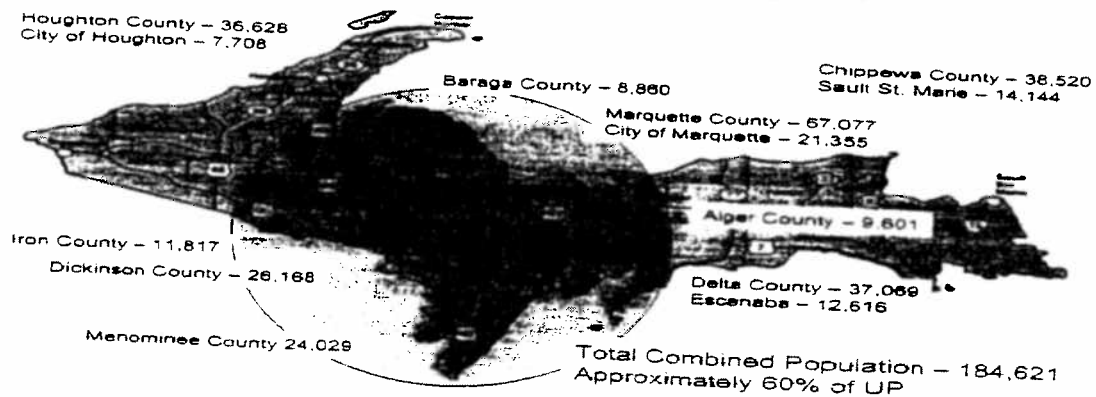

Cindy Hurthibise
Cornell Township Clerk

Resolution of Support

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ensign Township Board does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes:

Nays:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as Clerk of the Township of Ensign, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Ensign Township Board of the Township of Ensign, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular Ensign Township Board Meeting held on April 17, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Mary Wilson

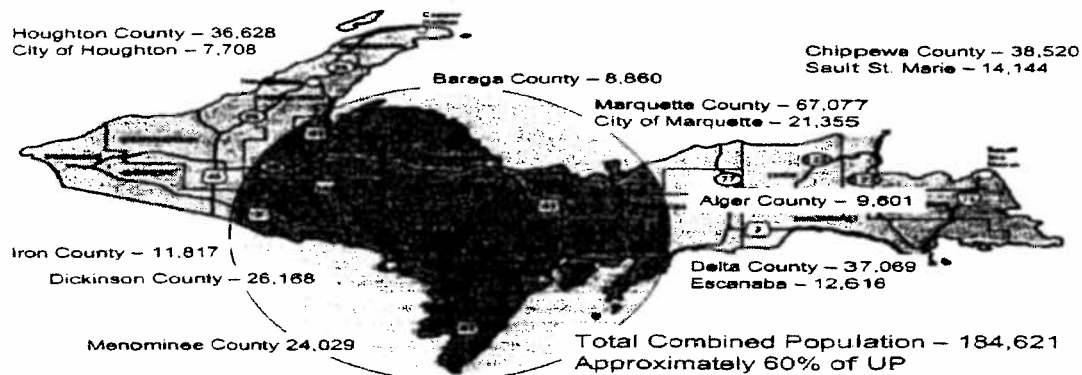
Clerk

Resolution of Support

Preamble: The local units of government in the Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula encourage the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Cornell does hereby endorse and support bi-partisan legislation to amend the Next Michigan Development Act, Public Act 275 of 2010, MCL 125.2951. for the purpose of bringing one of the state's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties that has a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Cindy Hurthibise with a second offered by Joan Woodard. A total of 5 "ayes" and 0 "nays" were voted.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted on this 17th day of April, 2013 during the regular meeting held at Cornell Township hall.

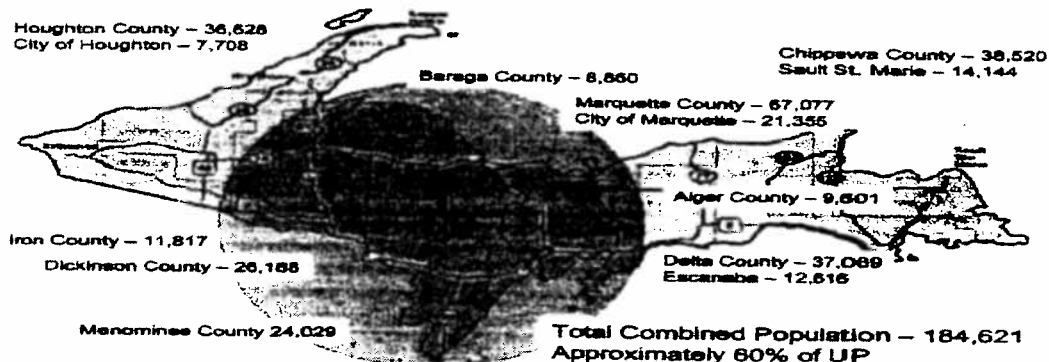
Cindy Hurthibise
Cornell Township Clerk

Resolution of Support

Preamble: Nahma Township, located in Delta County in the Central Upper Peninsula, encourages the creation of a Next Michigan Development District for the purpose of bringing one of the State's most powerful economic development incentives to the Upper Peninsula region by requiring the Michigan Strategic Fund to designate at least one (1) Next Michigan Development District above the 43rd parallel that consists of two (2) contiguous counties with a combined population of between 100,000 to 110,000.

Whereas, Nahma township is supportive of promoting a regional collaboration and partnership in the course of exploring the tremendous opportunities available by the creation of a Central Upper Peninsula economic development engine as defined in the Next Michigan Development Act No. 275 of 2010 which will promote economic growth focused on multi-modal transportation.

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Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Warren Grobeau, Patti Migut, Mary LaVigne, Pat Bingham, and Betty
Dennisin
Nays: none

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting as clerk of the township of Nahma, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Nahma Township of the city of Nahma, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular Board Meeting held on May 14, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Patti Migut

Clerk

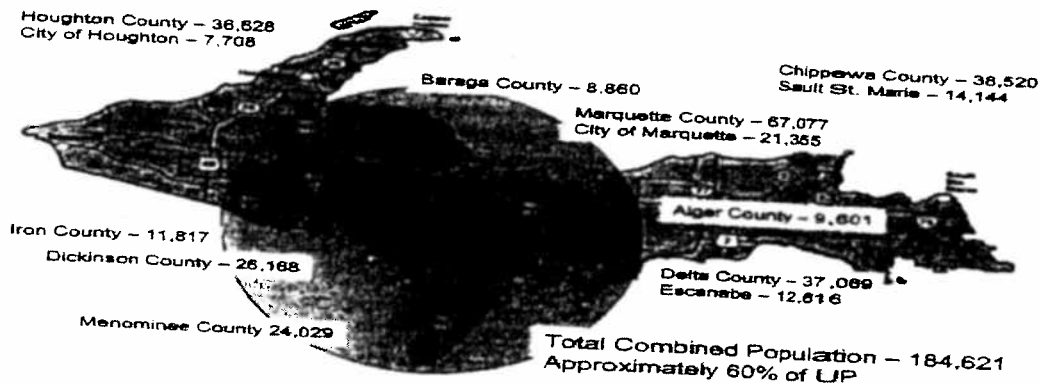


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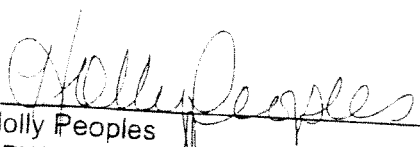
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Holly Peoples
UPWard Initiative



April 17, 2013

Senator Tom Casperson, State Senator – 38th District
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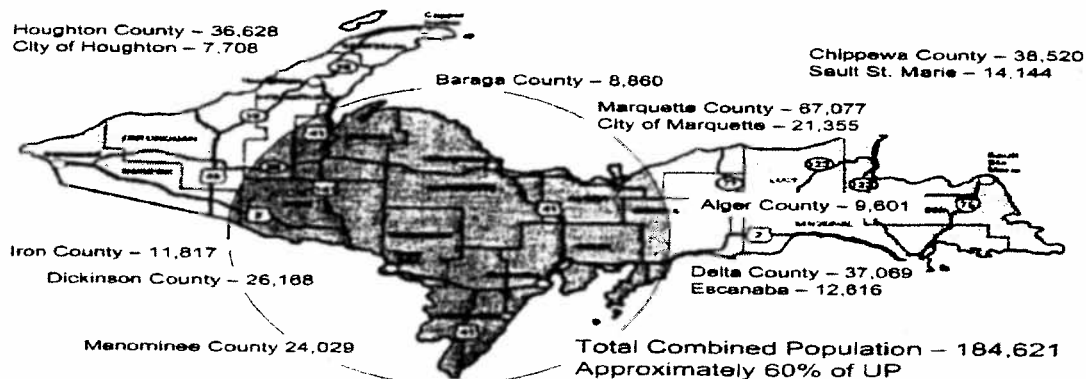
RE: Letter of Support – Next Michigan Development Corporation in the Central U.P.

Dear Senator Casperson,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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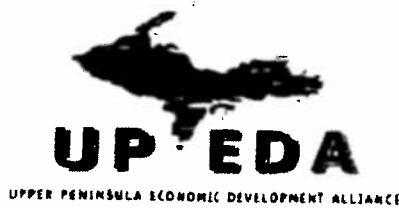
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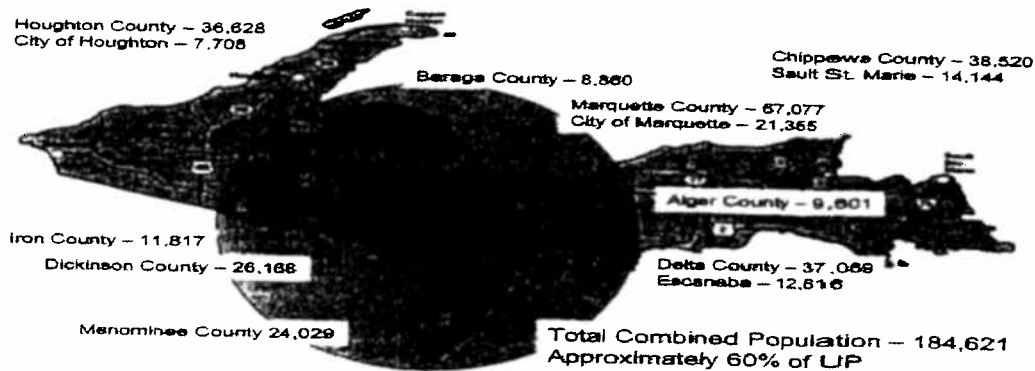


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Six County Employment Alliance

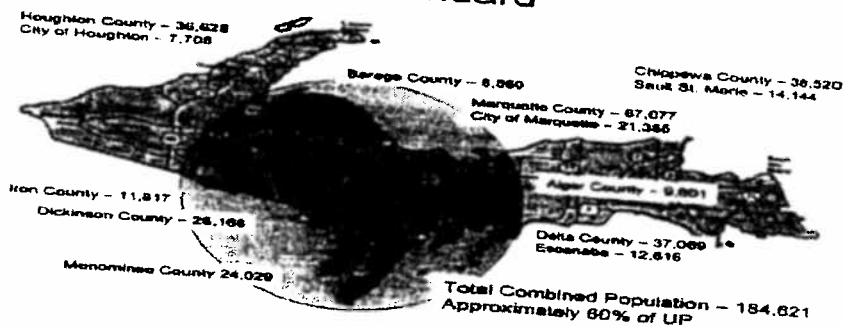


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Paul Arsenault

President



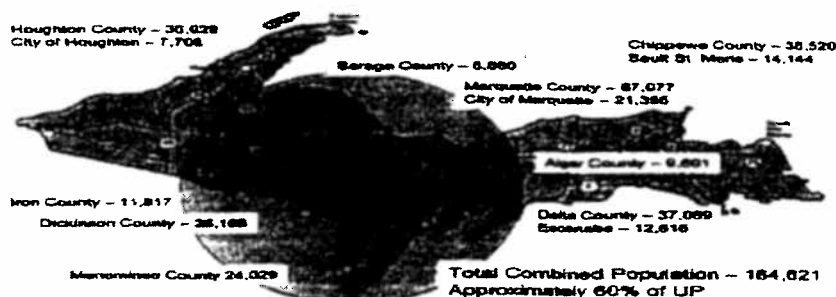
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